

Park and Recreation Board
October 23, 2012
Minutes

Attendees: Hughes, Dow, Gunion-Rinker, Pinker, Schaeffer, Harris, Miller

Absent: Cooper

Approve September Minutes

September minutes were approved as written, 4-0 (Pinker/Hughes arrived later)

NDA meeting report back

Hughes attended Island Station meeting and Pinker attended Historic Milwaukie meeting. Pinker noted that Historic Milwaukie asked when Kronberg Park master plan would be completed. They also asked if it was still cost effective for the City to be a part of the Park District. Hughes said Kronberg and Spring Park were both asked about at Island Station and he had encouraged the Island Station folks to write a letter to the Park Board regarding their concerns and ideas.

Potential Staff Shift update

Herrigel reported that the City manager had received a “green light” on reorganizing the Community Services Department (of which she is currently director). Herrigel said that she expected in early November that she would move to the Johnson Creek Office, Code Enforcement staff would move to the Public Safety Building and Beth Ragel, who coordinates events and neighborhood services would stay at City Hall and become part of the City Manager’s office. Herrigel’s new title might be “Director of Parks and Sustainability” and she would remain the staff liaison to the Park Board.

Project Updates

Mt Scott Creek project: Herrigel visited the project site and said it looked great!

Klein Point (Riverfront Park, Phase 1): Plants are in, grass is growing and the overlook wall is almost complete. Herrigel expects to have an opening event in mid-November.

Wichita: District contractor estimate was 5K and City crew estimated more like \$1700 to do regarding of park edge. City crew will do this work.

17th Ave: HHPR is completing a prospectus for the 17th Ave project and a contractors will be solicited this winter

Storage of trees for Spring Park: Herrigel is working with Tonia Burns to find location(s) to store large trees for use in Spring Park (Hughes suggested cabling and storing in River off Spring Park)

Other

- Harris asked if Herrigel could write up a status report on the Riverfront that he (and others) could share with the NDAs
- Gunion-Rinker suggested the City consider a Heritage Tree program. Herrigel said she would bring more info on this to the next meeting

- Councilor Miller raised a concern about the proliferation of swales, medians and other planted areas in the City that may go unmaintained unless the City identifies someone to maintain them. He noted that perhaps staff from the City storm crew might be trained to handle this. Gunion-Rinker noted that volunteers in Ardenwald do similar projects in their neighborhood.